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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH FRELIMO PRESIDENT MACHEL

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1. AS IS WELL KNOWN, MOZAMBIQUE LIBERATION FRONT (FRELIMO) HEADQUARTERED HERE IN DAR. DURING COURSE MY 26 MONTHS IN TANZANIA I HAVE BEEN IN THE COMPANY OF SAMORA MACHEL AND MARCELINO DOS SANTOS ON MANY OCCASIONS. WE ARE CERTAINLY KNOWN TO EACH OTHER DESPITE THE FACT THAT UNTIL LAST EVENING (FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4) WE HAVE DONE NOTHING MORE THAN MAINTAIN A NODDING ACQUAINTANCE. THEREFORE, IT SEEMS TO ME MOST UNUSUAL AT THIS TIME OF THAWED RELATIONS IF I DID NOT MOVE TOWARD MEETING MACHEL AND DOS SANTOS WITH SOME ALACRITY.

2. TOWARD THAT END I HAVE INITIATED AN ARRANGEMENT THROUGH FELISBERTO LUKANGA (NEWLY APPOINTED HEAD OF FRELIMO OFFICE IN DAR REPLACING CHISSANO) WHICH SHOULD LEAD TO MY MEETING MACHEL EARLY IN THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 7.

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3. IF THE MEETING IS ARRANGED, I INTEND TO BE GUIDED IN MY REMARKS BY REFTEL A AND TO USE THIS AS PURELY COURTESY CALL. I MAY ALSO REFER TO PROPOSED MEETING WHICH AMBASSADOR WILKOWSKI MAY HAVE WITH HIM IN LUSAKA PRIOR TO YOUR GET TOGETHER WITH HIM. I WILL NOT ATTEMPT DESCRIBE PARAMETERS OF THESE CONVERSATIONS BUT MAY BE ABLE TO ASCERTAIN SOME OF HIS VIEWS WHICH COULD BE HELPFUL AS YOU PREPARE FOR THE MEETING.

4. QUITE APART FROM ALL OF THE ABOVE, I RAN INTO DOS SANTOS LAST NIGHT (OCTOBER 4) AT THE HOME OF THE EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR AND FORMALLY INTRODUCED MYSELF. HE WAS QUITE FRIENDLY THOUGH WE ENGAGED IN NO SUBSTANTIVE EXCHANGE. MY DCM ALSO RAN INTO DOS SANTOS AND LUKANGA LATER THE SAME NIGHT AT A DINNER GIVEN FOR THE DEPARTING NIGERIAN COUNSELOR. BEYER REPORTS A VERY FRIENDLY RECEPTION DURING THEIR BRIEF MEETING. BEYER ALSO AVOIDED A SUBSTANTIVE EXCHANGE WITH DOS SANTOS BUT WILL BE REPORTING IN SEPTTEL ON HIS EXCHANGE WITH LUKANGA.
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